

AMENDMENT
Serial No. 10/644,211

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 – 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 – 18, 20, 21 and 23 – 25 remain in this application. Claims 6, 11 – 18 and 22 are objected to for depending from rejected base claims. Claims 26 – 29 are canceled as being drawn to a non-elected species. Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 10, 19 – 21 and 23 – 25 are rejected. Claims 2, 6, 8, 11, 19 and 22 are canceled herein and claim 22 is rewritten as new claim 30. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 20 are amended herein. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Claims 6, 11 – 18 and 22 are objected to for depending from rejected base claims. Responsive thereto, claim 1 is amended to include the recitations of claims 2 and 6 and so, is claim 6 rewritten in independent form. Further, claim 7 is amended to include the recitations of claims 8 and 11 and so, is claim 11 rewritten in independent form. Also, claim 22 is rewritten as new independent claim 30. Accordingly, amended claims 1 and 7 and new claim 30 are allowable. Further, all remaining dependent claims have been amended to depend from claims 1, 7 and 30 and so, are also allowable. Consideration and allowance of claims 1, 3 – 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 – 18, 20, 21, 23 – 25 and 30 is respectfully solicited.

Since all remaining claims depend from allowable claims, all claims are allowable under 35 U.S.C §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,118,328 to Morikawa. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C §102(b) is respectfully solicited.

The applicants have considered the other references cited but not relied upon and find them to be no more relevant than the references relied upon for the rejection.

The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the application to be in condition for allowance for the amendments to the claims, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider

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new claim 30, reconsider and withdraw the objections to claims 6, 11 – 18 and 22, reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) and allow the application to issue.

Should anything further be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to attorney's deposit account number 50-0510 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,



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